

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Material for use in contact with drinking water as well as having microbe-resistant properties, based on a vulcanized rubber mixture, comprising a rubber component as well as usual mixture ingredients, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber component is butyl rubber or a halogenated rubber.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the halogenated rubber is chlorobutyl rubber or bromobutyl rubber.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber component is unblended.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Material according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of the rubber component is 30 to 70 wt.-%.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of the rubber component is 40 to 55 wt.-%.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Material according to ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber mixture has a filler or a filler system on the basis of carbon black and/or silicic acids and/or silicates and/or chalk.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber mixture has a filler system on the basis of carbon black, magnesium silicate, and chalk.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of carbon black is maximally 30 wt.-%.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of carbon black, is maximally 20 wt.-%.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Material according to ~~one of~~
~~claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber
mixture has a cross-linking system comprising a cross-linking
agent and/or vulcanization agent as well as accelerator.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Material according to claim
10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cross-linking agent system
comprises zinc oxide as a vulcanization activator and zinc N-
dibenzyl-dithiocarbamate as an accelerator.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Material according to ~~one of~~
~~claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber
mixture is low in plasticizer, particularly free of plasticizer.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according
to ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 for the production of a hose (1)
comprising a core (2) and cover (3), particularly in connection
with an embedded reinforcement support (4), as well as additional
layers, if necessary, whereby in terms of material, at least the
core is used for use in contact with drinking water, as well as
equipped with microbe-resistant properties.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to claim 13 ~~in combination with claim 12~~, whereby the rubber mixture for the core (2) is low in plasticizer, particularly free of plasticizer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to claim 13 ~~or 14 in combination with one of claims 1 to 11~~, whereby the rubber mixture for the cover (3) has a plasticizer.

Claim 16 (Original): Use of the material according to claim 15, whereby the proportion of the plasticizer is maximally 15 wt.-%.

Claim 17 (Original): Use of the material according to claim 16, whereby the proportion of the plasticizer is maximally 10 wt.-%.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to ~~one of claims 13 to 17~~ claim 13, whereby the core (2) is equipped with an inner layer (5), particularly a film layer, which stands directly in contact with the drinking water.

Claim 19 (Original): Use of the material according to claim 18, whereby the inner layer (5) consists of plastic, particularly polyethylene, which in turn is particularly non-cross-linked.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 for the production of a membrane, particularly a settling basin membrane.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to claim 20 ~~in combination with claim 12~~, whereby the rubber mixture is low in plasticizer, particularly free of plasticizer, for the entire membrane.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): Use of the material according to claim 20 ~~or 21~~, whereby the rubber mixture additionally contains an active inhibitor in terms of waste water technology.